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SUBJECT: LANG AFRIQUE/SODESUCRE CONFLICT

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DAKAR PLEASE PASS AMBASSADOR SMITH FROM AF/W BISHOP

1. REGRET WE WERE UNABLE CONTACT DAVID MORSE OVER WEEKEND.
DISCUSSED REFTTEL WITH HIM MORNING MAY 5.

2. MORSE HAS BEEN OF COURSE IN FREQUENT TOUCH WITH ISC
AND LANG AND ADVICE HE IS GIVING THEM, WITH RESPECT ISC
ORDER CLOSE DOWN FERKESSEDOUGOU SUGAR PROJECT, IS TO QUOTE
COOL IT UNQUOTE. HE DID NOT INDICATE, AND HE MAY WELL BE
UNCERTAIN, WHET;ER HIS ADVICE WILL BE HEDEED.

3. MORSE SAID IMMEDIATE PROBLEM IS THAT LANG OWES VENDORS
DOLS 1.2 MILLION, HAS BEEN DENIED FURTHER BANK CREDIT, AND
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IS STILL UNABLE COLLECT ANY PORTION OF DOLS 800,000 OWED

IT BY SODESUCRE. ADDED LANG PREPARED GIVE PERFORMANCE
BONDIF NECESSARY IN ORDERSHAKE FREESOME OF MONEY DUE
FROM SODESUCRE.

4. RE QUESTION HOW EMBASSY OR DEPARTMENT MIGHT BE OF HELP
AT THIS JUNCTURE, MORSE SUGGESTED THAT IN GENERAL IT BEST
MAINTAIN LOW PROFILE. THEN ADDED THAT MIGHT BE CONSTRUC-
TIVE IF IDEA COULD BE CONVEYED TO GOIC THAT QUOTE IT WOULD
BE USEFUL IF SOME KIND OF MONEY COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE
TO LANG - WITH ADEQUATE GUARANTEES BY LANG IN RETURN
UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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